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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Ikuo Nishimoto

Application No.: 10/088,699

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For: **METHOD OF SCREENING  
DISEASE DEPRESSANT GENES**

Customer No.: 20350

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Examiner: David A. Lambertson

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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116  
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Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed September 23, 2004 on the above-referenced application, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.